

## CLAIMS:

1. A playback device for information data sets, comprising
  - a microphone (1) for recording audio markers,
  - a memory arrangement (3) for storing the audio markers in association with the respective information data sets,
  - a control unit (5) coupled to the microphone and to the memory arrangement.
2. A playback device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that it further comprises:
  - a loudspeaker (2) for reproducing the audio markers.
3. A playback device as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized in that at least one of the information data sets is stored in the memory arrangement.
4. A playback device as claimed in any one of the claims 1 to 3, characterized in that a reading unit (6) for optical data carriers (10) is present and is coupled to the control unit (5).
5. A playback device as claimed in any one of the claims 1 to 4, characterized in that it further comprises:
  - a user interface (4) with at least one control element (4') for selecting an information data set.
6. A playback device as claimed in any one of the claims 1 to 5, characterized in that it comprises an analog-to-digital converter unit (7) for converting recorded audio markers into digital audio markers.
7. A playback device as claimed in any one of the claims 1 to 6, characterized in that a digital-to-analog converter unit (9) is present for converting digital audio markers into analog audio markers.

8. A playback device as claimed in any one of the claims 1 to 7, characterized in that a conversion unit (8) is present for compressing and/or decompressing information data sets.

5 9. A playback device as claimed in any one of the claims 1 to 8, characterized in that at least one memory module (3') of the memory arrangement (3) is constructed such that it can be removed from the playback device.

10 10. A method of operating a playback device for information data sets, comprising the following steps:

- recognizing an information data set without an associated audio marker,
- recording an audio marker,
- storing the audio marker in association with the information data set.

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11. A method as claimed in claim 10, characterized in that it comprises the following steps:

- reproducing an audio marker associated with an information data set,
- selection of the information data set by a user.

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12. A method as claimed in claim 10 or 11, characterized in that it comprises the following steps:

- reading of an information data set by an optical data carrier, and
- storing the information data set in uncompressed or compressed form.